Welcome to Mississippi, the "Birthplace of America's Music." We think you'll find our phenomenal musical heritage is unmatched, especially when you discover our "Blues Trail" and trace the history of the people behind the music that is so deeply-embedded in American life. And, take time to discover Civil War sites and brush up on the Civil Rights movement, in which Mississippi played such a significant role.

Hungry? Our food is diverse, from fresh Coast seafood to farm-raised Delta catfish to mouth-watering chicken dishes. Want to play? World-class casinos offer endless entertainment, shopping, luxurious spas and internationally acclaimed golf courses to challenge players at every level.

Antebellum homes tucked away in small towns throughout Mississippi are historical gems. You might decide to sit quietly on the porch and read great stories by such native Mississippi writers as William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Willie Morris and Tennessee Williams.

Want more? Mississippi is blessed with pristine natural resources, where you can wet a hook, watch the birds, swim and ski, and hunt whitetail deer or wild turkeys.

In the wake of the worst natural disaster in American history, Hurricane Katrina, the world saw the resilient spirit of our people, and liked it. Come visit. We think you'll like Mississippi, too.

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